



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Situation Report

Hurricane Katrina Support

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Hurricane Katrina after passing over the Florida peninsula as a Category I Storm (winds of about 75 mph) then transited the Gulf of Mexico and came ashore as a Category 4 Storm (winds of 160 mph) between Louisiana and Mississippi near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The storm width was several hundred miles wide and caused great destruction of homes, businesses and other structures from Mobile, Alabama on the east to just west of New Orleans, Louisiana. The cities of Mobile in Alabama, Pascagoula, Biloxi, Gulf Port, Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis in Mississippi and Slidel, New Orleans in Louisiana suffered catastrophic damage. New Orleans plight was exacerbated by levee breaks along Lake Pontchartrain and a drainage canal. This allowed water to flood the City of New Orleans and forced the Mayor of New Orleans to order an evacuation of the entire City.

The State of Missouri, a signatory to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), was requested to help supply relief to the States of Louisiana and Mississippi. Governor Matt Blunt signed Executive Order 05-24 to implement the EMAC and allow Missouri to provide assistance to the State of Mississippi. Governor Blunt also signed Executive Order 05-25 to assist the State of Louisiana. Both Executive Orders designate the Adjutant General to be the focal point for Missouri's efforts to help protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of these States. In addition, the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency has activated the State Emergency Operations Center to assist in processing the requests for resources from Louisiana and Mississippi.

Actions taken by Missouri on behalf of the victims of Hurricane Katrina –

Activated and dispatched 1,000 Missouri National Guardsman to assist in providing rescue, logistics and security in and around the Southern Louisiana area.

Activated and dispatched Missouri Task Force One – Urban Search and Rescue team from Columbia, Missouri to Louisiana to assist in the New Orleans Metropolitan area.

Activated and dispatched C-130s of the Missouri Air National Guard (139th Transport Group) to move a communications unit from Colorado to Mississippi. All Air National Guard transport aircraft will have task assignments by 2 September, 2005

Over 125 Missouri citizens, organizations and companies have offered assistance through the SEMA Operations Center. Many concerned citizens have asked for help in contacting friends and relatives in the disaster areas. These callers were referred to the American Red Cross, 1-866-GET INFO (866.438.4636).

SEMA Statewide Volunteer Coordinator has been dispatched to Louisiana to assist in coordinating volunteer resources for this disaster.

State Emergency Management Agency, Missouri Army National Guard and Department of Health and Senior Services are maintaining 24 hour a day operations to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

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